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TO: **LICENSED VETERINARIANS RESIDING IN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3**

DATE: June 5, 2018

RE: **SECOND NOTICE OF ELECTION – CANDIDATE SUBMISSION BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS – DISTRICT 3 SEAT**

Pursuant to South Carolina Code Section 40-69-10 and Regulation 120-2, a letter dated March 23, 2018 was sent from the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners that solicited nominations for candidates for election to represent the Third Congressional District on the Board. As indicated in the letter, veterinarians wishing to nominate another veterinarian from the third district or that wish to nominate him/herself were required to provide a written letter with their nomination. No nominations were received by the April 20, 2018 deadline. **This is the second notice of election seeking nominations for the Third Congressional District.** The Board is seeking candidates to be placed on the ballot for election.

ELIGIBILITY FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD and VOTING REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Each candidate for a Board seat must be a licensed, practicing veterinarian and resident of the State and of Congressional District 3.
- 2) Every licensed veterinarian regardless of years of practice is eligible to vote in the election for the district in which s/he resides. Home addresses on record with the Board must include a street address to identify eligibility for that district's vote. It is the licensee's responsibility to provide the Board with a current address and verification of the district in which the licensee resides. If unsure of the district in which s/he resides, the licensee is encouraged to contact his/her voter registration office.

GETTING ON THE BALLOT and ELECTION PROCEDURES

- 3) Nominations of candidates must be made to the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners in writing in a signed and dated letter by qualified veterinarians to vote in the district election postmarked no later than **July 1, 2018**. The letter must include a home street address of the veterinarian being nominated **AND** of the veterinarian making the nomination in order to verify eligibility of the nomination. Any person who is nominated may withdraw his or her name by written notice to the Board.
- 4) If more than two candidates are nominated, ballots must be prepared with the names of the nominees in alphabetical order. Ballots with declared candidates will be mailed to every eligible licensed veterinarian qualified to vote in the Congressional District 3 election. Instructions for voting will be included with the ballot. If there is no home address on record with the Board, a ballot cannot be mailed. Ballots with more than two candidates must be postmarked by **August 1, 2018** and returned to the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.
- 5) After the deadline for return, the ballots received will be counted. The names of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be submitted to the Governor. The Governor may reject any or all of the nominees upon satisfactory showing as to the unfitness of those rejected. If the Governor declines to appoint any of such nominees, so submitted, additional nominees shall be submitted in the same manner.